



Louise Young Wheeler

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Louise Young Wheeler, 93, passed away on March 27, 2021, in Memphis. She was born on August 10, 1927 in Memphis, Tennessee to Louis A. and Irma C. Young. She graduated from Humes High School in 1945.

Louise was predeceased by her beloved husband of 53 years Reginald "Reggie" Orr Wheeler, brother Richard C Young, and sister May Gordon. She is survived by her daughter, Darnelle W. Podgorski (Wayne), granddaughters Pam Matochik (Brian) and Sara Nelson (Brian), grandson Kevin Podgorski, 5 great grandchildren, several cousins, nieces and dear lifelong friends.

As a 40 year member of the hospitality industry, she worked for Allen & O'Hara for 10 years, followed by the Holiday Inn, Thibodaux, Louisiana for 29 years as General Manager. In Louisiana, she embraced the Cajun culture wholeheartedly. Welcoming travelers and traveling were two of her favorite activities. Louise had many leadership roles in her communities and churches throughout her life and it was her honor to serve for 15 years on the Governor's Committee for Tourism in Louisiana. There she worked diligently to enhance tourism to Lafourche Parish in southwest Louisiana, making it not only a local but international destination.

At retirement, she and Reggie returned to their beloved hometown of Memphis leaving a host of dear friends in Thibodaux. She enjoyed many wonderful years of retirement including spending time with family and friends and travels all over the world.

Louise's immeasurable kindnesses to those she encountered along life's journey were focused on the quote, "The best portions of a good man's life are his little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love." She will be remembered dearly by her loving family and many others who cherished her as a surrogate mother, valued mentor and sweet friend.

The family will receive relatives and friends on March 31, 2021 at 1:30 PM followed by the funeral service at 2:30 PM at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis. The burial will immediately follow the service. Donations in Louise's name are



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welcome to be sent to Germantown United Methodist Church, Germantown, Tennessee or First United Methodist Church, Thibodaux, Louisiana.



Events


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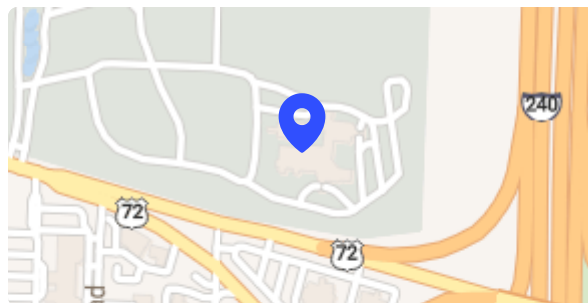
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Gathering

 **Wednesday**, March 31, 2021

 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery**
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119

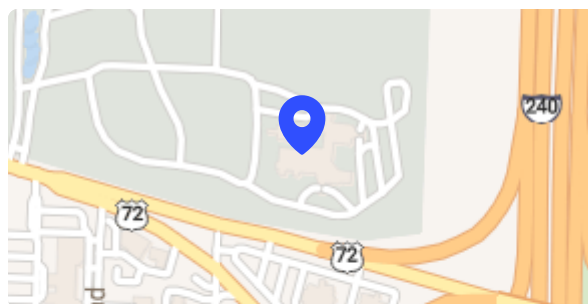


Celebration of Life

 **Wednesday**, March 31, 2021


 2:30 PM CT

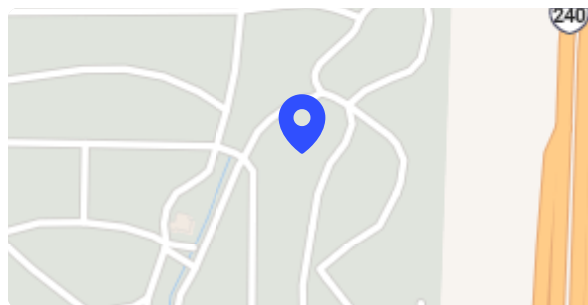
 **Memorial Park Fireside Chapel**
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119



Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
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 **(901) 445-8475**





Tribute Wall

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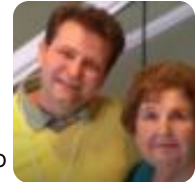
Trudy posted:

I remember you from Holiday Inn when I worked there while attending college. Thanks for your help.
Love, Trudy Horne

January 9 at 12:25 PM



Danny Donham shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



This First Lady of Hospitality helped pioneer the travel industry as we know it in Louisiana. What a great life spent developing others! Forever grateful for the life lived by Louise Wheeler! One of my best mentors and friends! Louise Wheeler taught me so much about being an "innkeeper", a leader, a friend, and delivering the difference in hospitality. I am so glad that I was able to speak with her so many times over the last year and thank her repeatedly for her investment into my life both professionally & personally. We laughed and cried together during these calls during the COVID. She opened up to me as a friend and shared so many life lessons with me. I would hang up in tears just being grateful to have the privilege of knowing such a incredible lady. In the words of Mrs. Wheeler, "we just need to keep calm and move on." Love you sweet lady. Thank you for investing in this ADHD kid who didn't know his self worth until you showed me!

March 31 at 10:16 AM



Donna And Steve sent a Basket of Memories to the Wheeler family.



March 30 at 5:50 PM



Love From Patt Hardaway, Daughter Of Betty Jewett sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wheeler family.



March 30 at 3:41 PM



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Linda Russell lit a candle in honor of Louise.

Lou was such a true "southern lady". She was kind and and generous to all whom she met. She truly cared for people and always had a kind word. I will truly miss conversations with Lou and listening to her beautiful southern voice. Rest in peace sweet lady. Love, Linda

March 30 at 5:53 AM



Peggy Mokhtarnejad posted:

Louise was a gracious lady who I had the pleasure of knowing through the American Business Women's Assn here in Thibodaux LA.

March 29 at 5:31 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Wheeler family.

March 29 at 2:03 PM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Wheeler family.

March 29 at 12:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Wheeler family.

March 29 at 12:24 PM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Wheeler family.

March 29 at 12:15 PM





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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Wheeler family.

March 29 at 10:09 AM





Media

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March 31 at 10:16 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Louise by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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